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In order to achieve material advancement in North Korea we must promote new projects for the processing of all agricultural and marine products. In this connection, the following aspects deserve special attention:

1. Emphasis must be placed upon local production systems so that goods may be distributed with low freight costs.
2. All seasonal crops and fish must also be processed so that more food may be available the year around, and economic conditions in all localities may be improved.
3. In the processing of food, care must be exercised to retain all the natural flavor and nourishment.
4. Factory food processing, in conjunction with domestic processing, would give people more time to engage in cultural activities.

In striving to achieve the above objectives, the following conditions are of a great importance:

First of all, an extensive survey must be made to determine the production of crops or the fishing prospects of each locality so that processing plants may be built to meet specific local requirements.

This program must be given adequate publicity in all localities concerned and the farmers should be more encouraged to raise crops appropriate to their respective localities.

Modern food processing requires proper machinery and trained technicians. It is, therefore, necessary to train technicians for this purpose.

Finally, the success of such a program depends upon the cooperation of the people themselves. Therefore, adequate public education along this line is absolutely necessary.

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